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Dear Mr. Lake,

In the sixties, people didn't know that the red M&M's would cause cancer. They contained a food additive that was considered "safe" until advances in scientific knowledge proved it otherwise. There is no crystal ball to tell us what we may not have yet discovered about genetically engineered foods. Who is to say that we won't discover, ten or fifteen years from now, that they are the culprit in some diseases?

There are many people who would chose to avoid genetically engineered foods if we could be informed that they are such. It is our right, as consumers, to know what we are purchasing. It is OUR hard-earned money we are spending!!! Furthermore, our children depend on us for nutritious foods that are safe. They are our future, so let us not gamble with their health, much less our own!

The puzzle-like way in which all things are intrinsically linked in nature, is the way in which we are constantly finding that ALL organisms thrive the best. We DO NOT know all the secrets of life. When we seek to alter things at the molecular level, we are tampering with things that we do not completely understand: like a child tinkering with a car battery or a meat slicer!!!

I implore you, Mr. Lake, PLEASE LET YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE!!! NOT THE ALL MIGHTY DOLLAR!!! THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF EVERY AMERICAN IS IN YOUR HANDS!!!!

Sincerely, Jennifer H. Dennis

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